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SUBJ: SUDANESE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND KENYATTA
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1. SUDANGOV HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT FIRST VP ABUL GASSEM IBRAHIM WILL LEAD DELEGATION TO KENYATTA FUNERAL. OTHER MEMBERS SUDANDEL NOT IDENTIFIED, BUT WE UNDERSTAND SOUTHERN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE JOSEPH LAGU MAY ALSO BE PART OF SUDANESE PARTY. ABUL GASSEM EXPECTED DEPART FOR NAIROBI THURSDAY AUGUST 31. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. COMMENT: NIMEIRI DECIDED TO STAY IN KHARTOUM, WE UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL THAT HE REMAIN HERE AND DIRECT EFFORTS OVERCOME SEVERE COMMODITY SHORTAGES WHICH HAVE BECOME TOUCHY POLITICAL ISSUE (SEPTTEL). NIMEIRI APPARENTLY DETERMINED THAT THIS WAS NO RPT NO TIME TO BE ABSENT FROM CAPITAL. HE MAY ALSO HAVE WISHED AVOID SEEING CERTAIN OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS FOR DIPLOMATIC REASONS.

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